

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 14-36 are pending. Claims 1-13 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter they contain. Claim 14 is amended and claims 15-36 are added to encompass infringing subject matter. The specification has been amended to add cross-reference information and correct obvious and/or inadvertent typographical errors. No new matter has been added. Prompt and favorable consideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

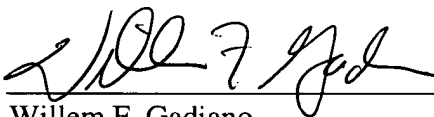
CONCLUSION

If anything could be done to place the above-captioned patent application in better condition for allowance (i.e., via Examiner's Amendment), then please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Please grant any extension(s) of time deemed necessary for entry of this communication. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper filed hereafter) to Deposit Account No. **14-1140**. Please credit any overpayment of fees to such Deposit Account.

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